

the student, teaching methods can include intensive individualized instruction, problem-solving assignments, and small-group work. Special education teachers ensure that appropriate accommodations are provided, such as having material read orally, or lengthening the time allowed to take the test for students who need special accommodations to learn the general curriculum or to take a test. In some cases, teachers also provide students with career counseling or help them learn life skills, such as balancing a checkbook.

Helping these students can be highly rewarding and gratifying for the teacher, but the work also can be emotionally demanding and physically draining. Teachers are often consumed with paper work and burdened with a heavy workload—not to mention administrative responsibilities. The teacher is responsible for assessing the student's progress toward gaining the knowledge necessary to pass the course as well as consider the students' progress coping with their learning disability.

I applaud the steadfastness of all teachers for their diligence in teaching our youth and preparing them for the future. I am grateful for special educational instructors, who not only must deal with the curriculum of a classroom, but must also manage all of the other factors that may impede learning. Because of this, I strongly support H. Con Res. 284 and I encourage my colleagues to join me.

RECOGNITION OF DENNIS GUEST FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Guest, Executive Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), as he retires from a lifelong career as an affordable housing advocate. During 24 years at CMHA, Dennis supervised 250 employees administering Housing Choice Vouchers for approximately 12,500 families, distributing over \$77,000,000 to rental property owners, and managing 3,147 apartments in Franklin County, Ohio.

Dennis facilitated the Rebuilding Lives Initiative and fostered partnerships with the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Community Shelter Board, United Way, ADAMH Board, and other non-profit organizations to provide the best housing and supportive services to 34,000 residents. As a result of his hard work and dedication, CMHA is strategically positioned for success well into the future.

Prior to this position, Dennis served as the Director of Housing Management at the San Francisco Housing Authority and the Executive Assistant at the Oakland Housing Authority. He was also a VISTA Volunteer at the Seattle Housing Authority and Assistant Public Housing Manager in Detroit, Michigan.

Devoted to public service, Dennis sits on the Funders Collaborative of the Community Shelter Board, Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board, Housing Vision Council of United Way, and is President of the Assisted Housing Services Corporation.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in wishing Dennis and his wife Bernadette a happy retirement after years of dedication to

the affordable housing needs of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio.

HONORING THE CITY OF CHANDLER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City of Chandler on its 50th anniversary of incorporation on July 10th.

Alphonso Chandler and his brother Haskell moved their families from Georgia to the area located between Kickapoo Creek and the Neches River in 1859. As one of the first settlers in the area, Alphonso built a general store on his property. A U.S. Post Office was added in 1873, under the name of Stillwater. The Cotton Belt Railroad later made its way to the area in 1880, and Mr. Chandler deeded land to the Texas and St. Louis Railroad for tracks and a depot. Mr. Chandler also donated property for schools, churches and a cemetery. A new community grew around the railroad.

What many may not know is that Chandler is the birthplace of Senator Ralph Yarborough who represented Texas in the U.S. Senate from 1957 to 1971. Many of his personal and public effects can be found at the Chandler Public Library.

Chandler has become a gateway to Lake Palestine, a beautiful body of water that is home to many migratory birds and waterfowl, as well as great fishing and recreational boating. Traveling on South FM 315, one might catch a glimpse of our nation's emblem, the bald eagle, soaring over the lake.

Chandler is a growing community and its citizens live by its motto, "City with a Heart." I would like to congratulate the City of Chandler on its 50th anniversary of incorporation and recognize its citizens, both past and present, who have given so much to build a vibrant community.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3962, which will protect patient access to their doctors and prevent a 21 percent cut in Medicare payments to doctors, and also boost physician payments by 2.2 percent through November 30.

Congress has spent the last decade—under both Republican and Democratic leadership—overriding the Sustainable Growth Rate, SGR, formula to prevent America's doctors from facing pay cuts in Medicare and to ensure seniors can keep their doctor.

Last November, the House passed H.R. 3961, the Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act, permanently fixing the SGR. Democrats have long recognized that this formula is fundamentally flawed and have been working

to fix it only to be stymied by Republicans in the Senate. This bill, though necessary, will require Congress to review the formula again in December when the current fix expires.

Temporary fixes are not the answer. We must have a permanent solution to this problem to protect our Medicare patients and retired military veterans.

I urge my colleagues to work toward a permanent fix of the Sustainable Growth Rate.

HONORING SERGEANT DAVID PARKS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant David Parks's 31 years of exemplary service in law enforcement, in honor of his retirement from the Newark, California, Police Department.

Sergeant Parks began his law enforcement career as a 2-year public safety officer with the Brisbane Department of Public Safety. He was then hired as a police officer with the Newark Police Department in September 1981, where he served for 29 years.

As a police officer at the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Parks served 1 year as a fraud detective and 3 years as a Crimes Against Persons detective. In July 2004, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and served in a variety of positions including patrol sergeant, community safety team sergeant, and detective sergeant.

During his tenure with the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Parks had held many collateral duties such as field training officer, FTO; FTO Sergeant, criminal evidence response team, CERT, member; CERT supervisor; trauma response team; traffic officer; acting sergeant; SWAT team member; Alameda County arson task force member; and composite sketch artist.

I join the City of Newark in expressing appreciation for Sergeant Parks's leadership and commitment during his service in the Newark Police Department. I rise to thank him for his stewardship for public safety and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING SCOTT URBAN

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. WALZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Scott Urban, a teacher from Mankato West High School in Mankato, MN.

Scott was one of two recipients this year to receive the Minnesota WEM Foundation Outstanding Educator Award for Teacher Achievement.

This award recognizes exemplary teachers who support, inspire and assist students to attain greater learning. The recipients of this award are nominated by students, parents, colleagues, and community members—the people who know the difference a good teacher can make.